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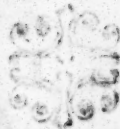
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¶ He bleeding distractions and divisions of
this Kingdome, and the distempers raised
in the Church touching the government
thereof, and touching Doctrine and Dis-
cipline are grown to that height, that mi-
sery and confusion must needs follow, if some speedy
course be not taken for the reconciliation of the one,
and settling of the other, according to the Prescript
of the sacred and pure Word of God, and the anci-
ent Constitutions of the Church of *England*, since
the Reformation of Religion.

There were great hopes upon the Parliaments late
resolutions for the collection of a Synod Nationall, if
the same had proceeded accordingly, that before this
time a period might have been given to the divisions
of *Levi*. But the Divell by his instruments hath so
farre prevailed in raising the generall distractions of
the Kingdome, that the proceedings in that great and
pious work of reformation hath been hitherto pro-
tracted and delayed, and the continuance thereof puts
us in fear the same will be clearely overruled and put off.

We are not insensible unlesse we were stupidly blind
 seeing the presses groane, and both City and Coun-
 trey abound therewith of the ignorant and Contrary
 opinions touching reformation both in the Doctrine
 and Discipline of the Church, many ignorant men
 rushing into those matters whereof they have no
 knowledge nor nothing belonging unto them, they
 will build Tabernacles with *Peter*, and lay Platforms
 for the Church whereof they have no skill: Every
 common person will be an *Agrippa* our *Paul*, and
 every woman a *Bernice*, and every mean person make
 a shop a Consistory to controll a State, forgetting the
 the Proverbe *Nè Sutor ultra crepidam*, the Shoemaker
 is not to exceed his Pantafle, Nay some so Impu-
 dently shamelesse are the times grown, that in their
 outward professions dare exclude the Clergie from
 having any thing to do in that matter.

Some would have the determination of the Parlia-
 ment which consists only of lay men Physicians Law-
 yers soldiers and tradesmen the only Judges of doc-
 trinall points binding to the Clergie without their
 Judgments or Approbation of the same: touching
 Government we are not ignorant of the present dis-
 putes we will not say by what kind of persons but
 the wise are troubled with the same come pleading for
 Episcopacy by divine right, some for independency
 as also by divine right, some with the Papist would
 have the Government depend upon the Church of
Rome. And some for Presbytery Government.

How shall this diversity be composed as for ex-
 ample, Sunday is a Sabbath, Sunday no Sabbath, both
 true

true and both untrue in their severall acceptations; who shall dissolve this knot?

Some say Episcopall Government (and it is indeed manifest in the Governours) hath brought all this mischeifes and miseries that this nation and late flourishing kindome now groanes under as being the originall fountaine from whence they have all flowed.

Some again say, that independency is dangerous, laying open the judgment of all men, and subject upon all occasions and opportunities, to change with the times.

Some are of Opinion, that Presbitery being a new form of Government, will not without much trouble and danger to the Kingdome be admitted off, presidents of former times both in this nation, and other kingdomes, having produced many suddaine and bloody effects upon the alteration of Church Government.

And for dependency upon the Church of *Rome* all that are not Papists have protested against the same.

All men are sensible of the diversity touching the Liturgie, or Book of Common prayer, envy likewise shooting his arrow against that; But some hitting the same, some besides it, both on the right hand, and on the left, some over, and some beneath the same, as for example:

Some at the receiving the Elements of the Lords Supper, saying kneeling is necessary, some warrantable, and some unwarrantable: And some say the same is Idolatrous, who shalbe judges of these differences, and what

what order shall be made touching the same: We perswade our selves the Parliament deserves the least opinion of being Judges in Doctrinall points without the advice of the Clergie: they are principally the Judges of the danger the kingdom is in through divisions both Ecclesiasticall and Civill, and temporall Magistrates to punish the vices of the Clergie, but who then shall compose the differences in Religion.

Surely the Clergie is a considerable party of the kingdom, especially touching Religion; Nay the Parliaments resolution for a Synod hath manifested to all the world the intentions of that high Court to have the judgments of the Clergie in that great Buissness.

Wee acknowledge the Parliaments jurisdiction in calling Synods and such matters as by the same shall be treated and agitated must by them have their full determination and confirmation, and then turned into laws and Ordinances, with his Majesties consent which shall be binding to the whole kingdom as well Clergie as Laity.

It is therefore desired that the Parliament may be petitioned to go on in election of a Synod and to affix a certain day for the meeting thereof, we doubt not but they may as safely sit in, or neer London as the Parliament it being not to be doubted that with their Approbation the Citie of *London* will afford a competent Guard for the security of their persons from treacherous contempts and conspiracies.

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The names of the Divines appointed for the
Nationall Synod.

M. Thomas Dillingham
M. Oliver Botes of Sutton
M. Wilkinson of Wadsden
M. Valentine of Chanson
D. Twist of Newberie
M. Rayner of Milton
M. Gammon of Hogen
M. Hix of Lawrick
D. Hoyle
M. Bridges
D. Wincomb
M. Thomas Goodwyn, a
New-England man
M. Leigh
M. Case
D. Lane of Bennet Colledge
D. Gauge of Black-Fryers
M. Pine of Dean Forrest
M. Whitton of Merton
D. Bromie of Kath. Hall
D. Ward of Sidney
M. John White
M. Edward Peale
D. Gennison
M. Morton

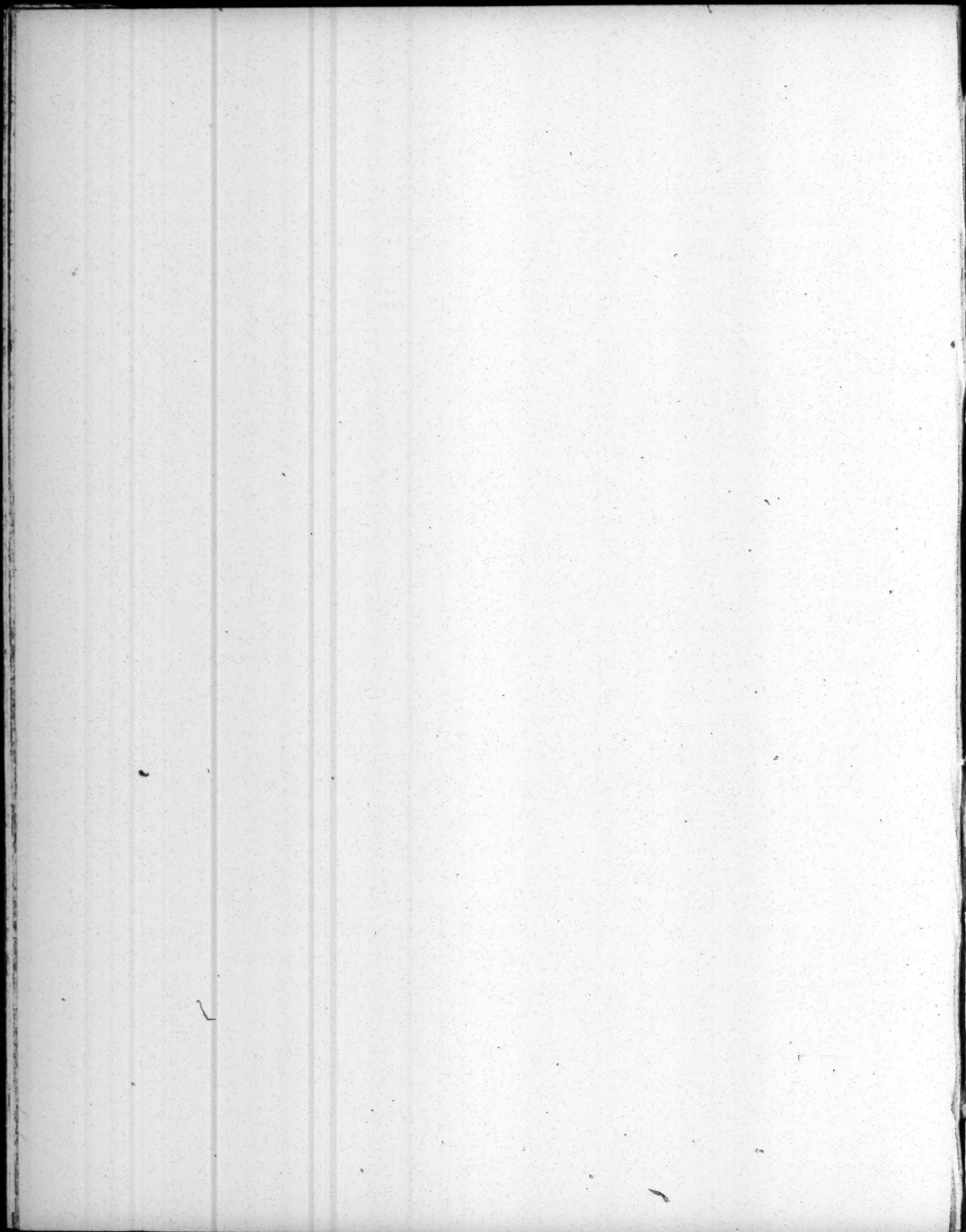
M. Stephen Marshall
M. Obadiah Sedgwick
M. Levill of Rippon
M. Michael Thwait
M. William Mew
M. John Danning
M. Thomas Bathurst
M. Philip Nye
M. John Green of Bencome
M. Gower of Brampton
D. Smith of Berkway
D. Burges of Watro
M. Wilson
M. Francis Taylor
M. Anthony Tuokey
M. Coleman of Blinton
M. Charles Earle
M. Richard Herick
M. Claycon of Shovell
M. Gibbs of Bedefer
D. Calibute Downing
M. Burroughs of Stepney
M. Edmund Calamy
M. Walker
M. Caryl of Lincolns Inne
M. Seaman

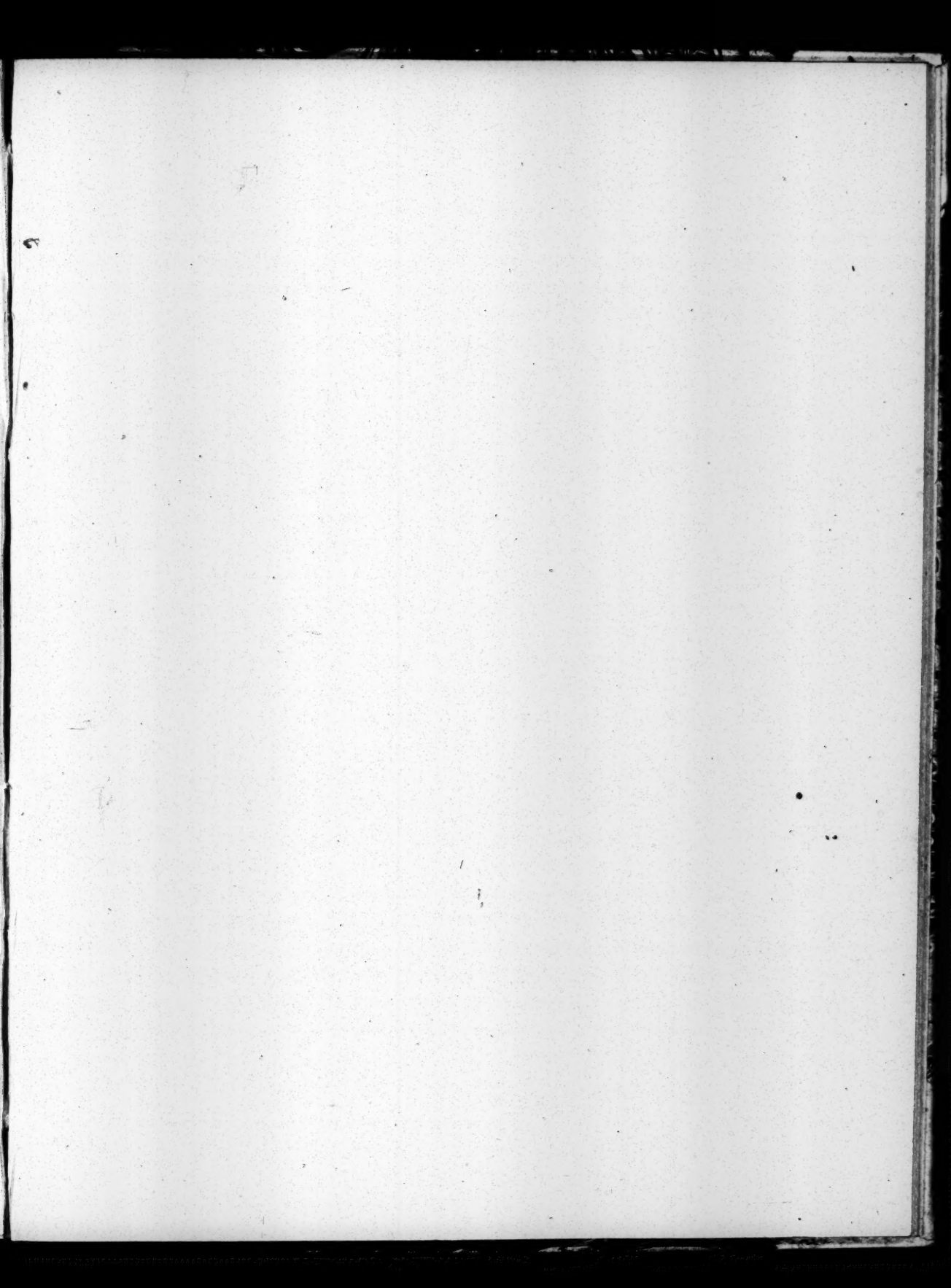
M. Scaman
 D. Harris
 M. Morbie
 M. Reynolds of Branston
 M. Hill of Tichmarsh
 D. Sander son
 M. John Foxcraft
 M. John Jackson
 M. William Carter
 M. John Acrosmith of Lin
 M. Thomas Thorowgood
 M. Robert Harris
 M. Robert Crosse
 James Primate of Armah
 D. Stiles of S. Georges
 M. Samuel Gibson
 M. Whitakers
 D. Featly of Lambeth
 D. Stanton of Kingston
 M. Francis Cook
 M. Lightfoot of Ashley
 M. Samuel Hilderfame
 M. Corbett
 M. John Langley
 M. Christopher Tisdell
 M. Thomas Young

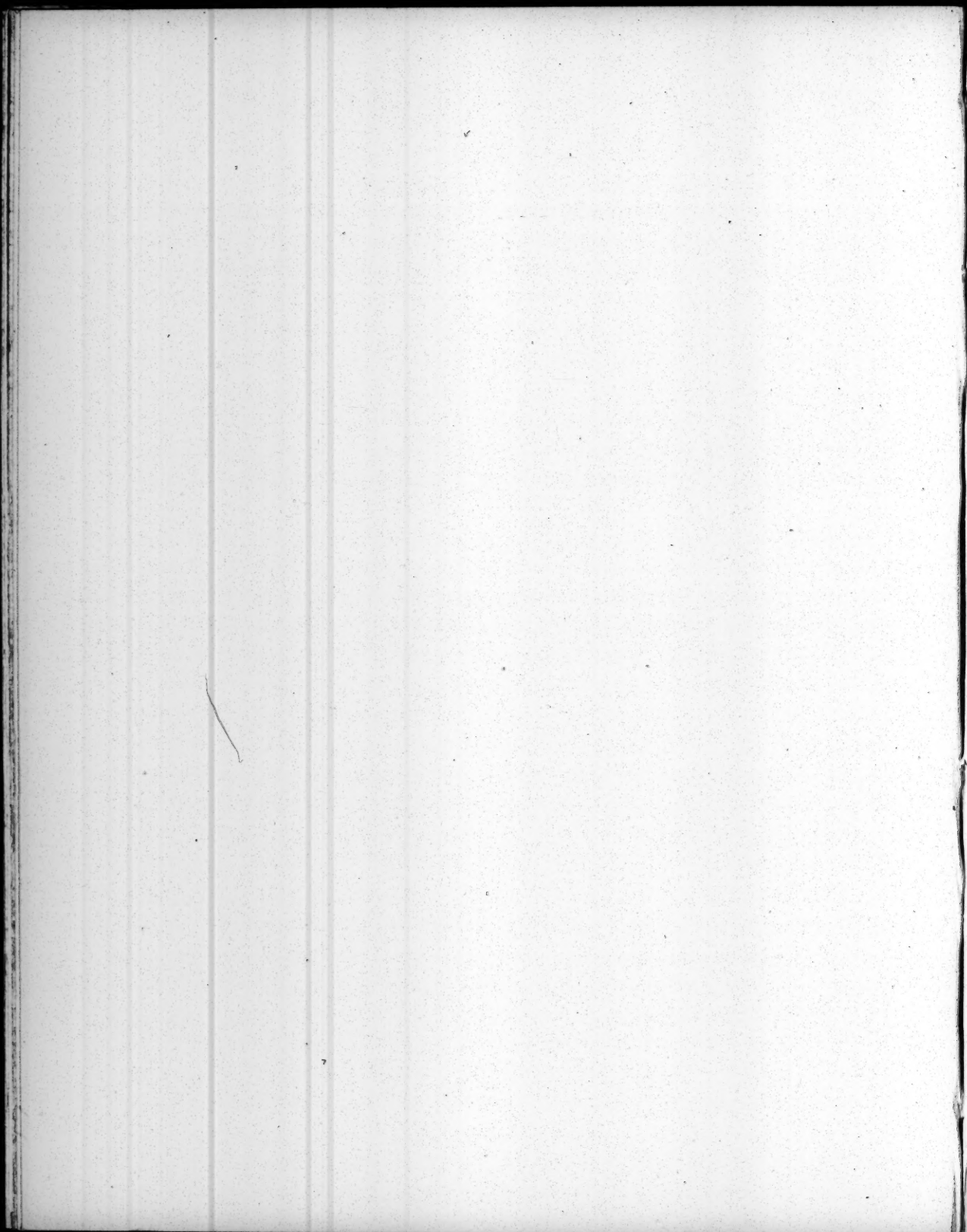
M. John Phillips
 M. Samuel Crook
 M. Comet of Limmington
 M. Benjamin Pickering
 M. Nye of Chaphum
 M. Henry Hall
 M. Henry Hutton
 M. Henry Scudder
 M. Thomas Baily
 M. Arthur Sallaway
 D. Pridiax B. of Worcester
 M. Burges of Sutton Coleby
 M. Vines of Weddington
 M. Richard Burlie
 D. Temple of Batterssey
 M. Shute of Lumbardstreet
 M. Nicholson
 M. Gaspar of Redriffe
 M. Richard Floyd
 D. Christopher Pashley
 M. Hen. Tofer
 M. Spurstoe of London
 M. Francis Channell
 D. Hacket of St. Andrew
 Samuel de la Place
 Jo. de la March

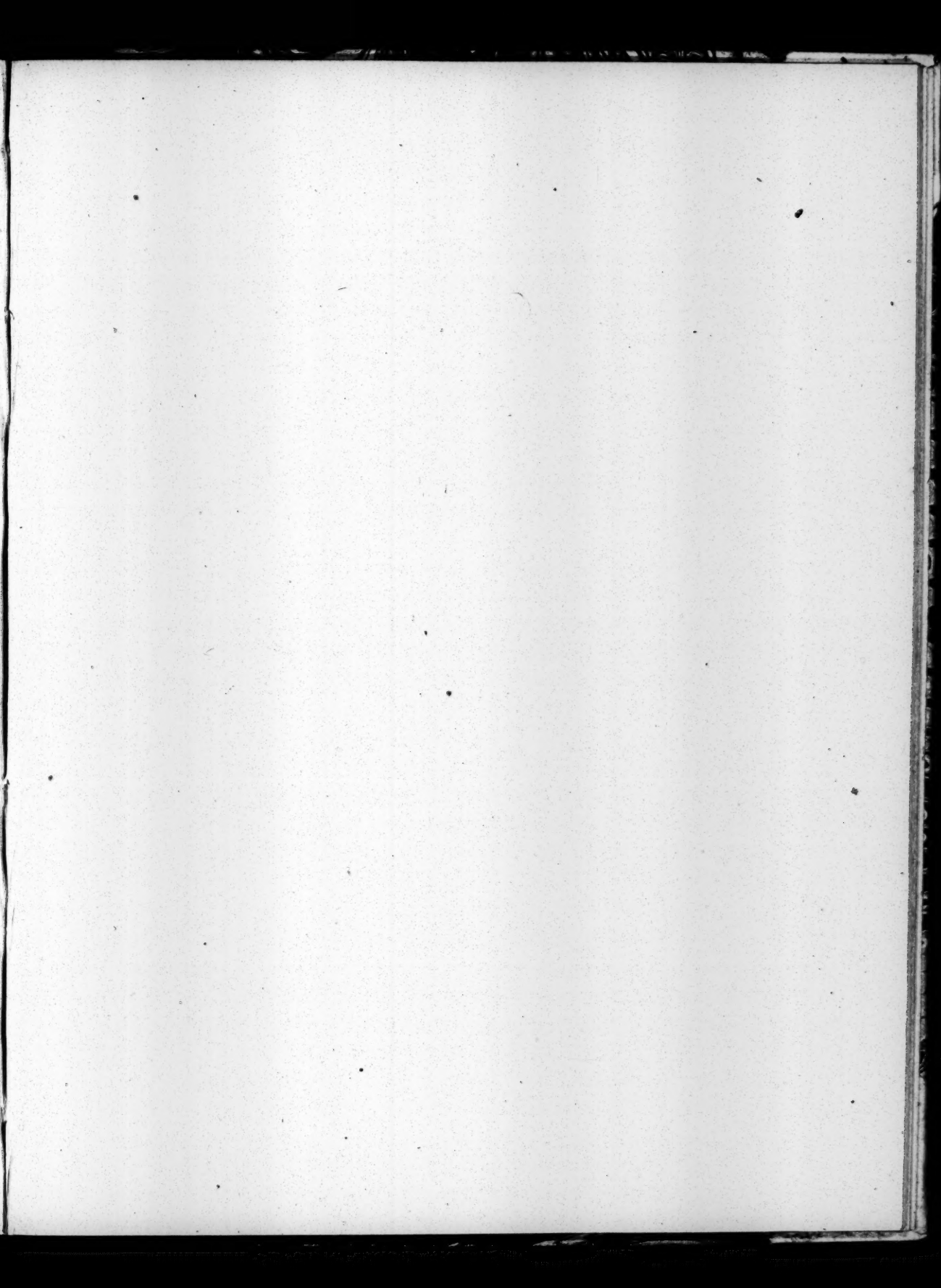
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D. Ward of Sidm
 M. John Widdis
 M. Edward Potts
 D. Gennison
 M. Norton



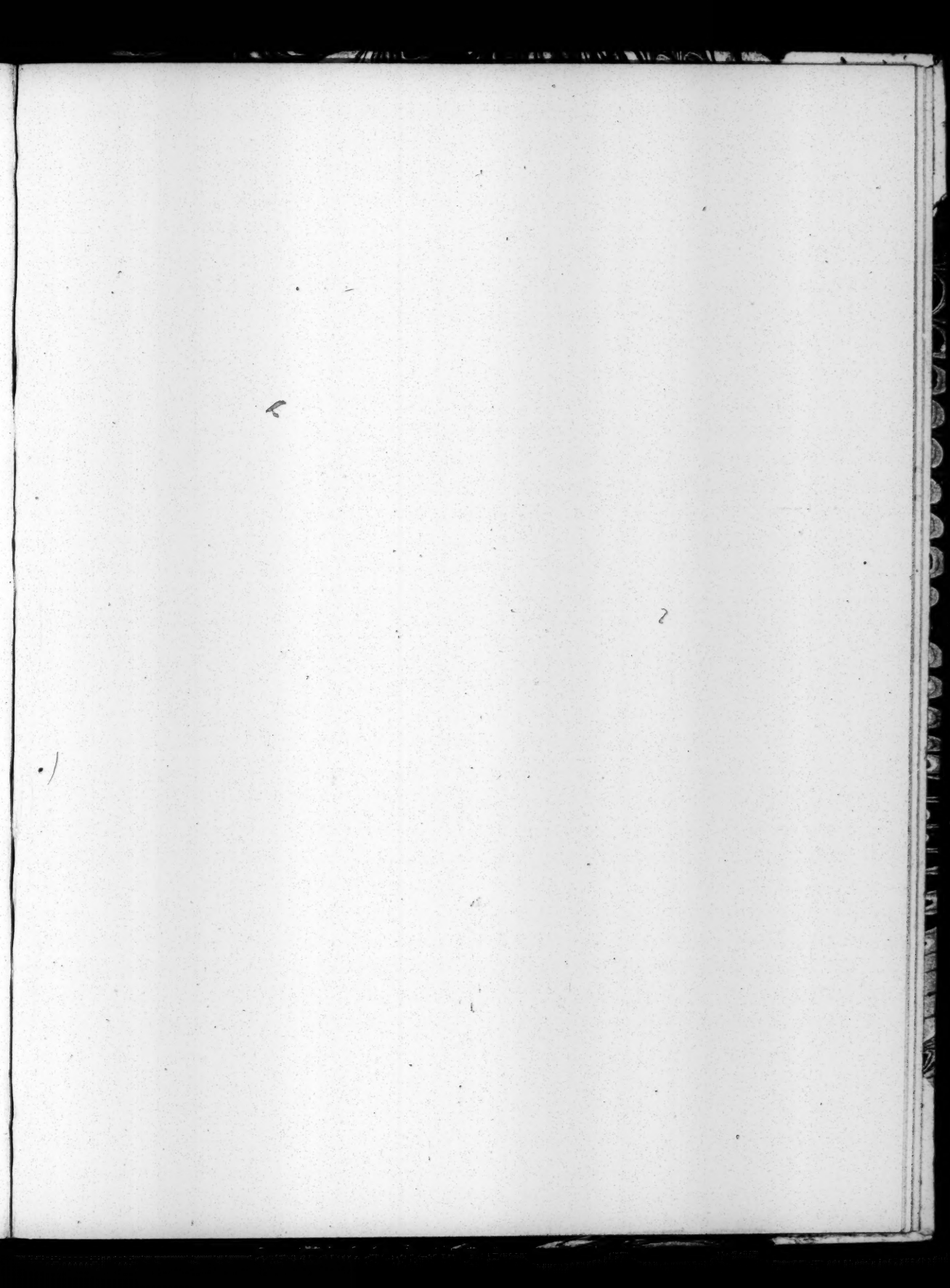






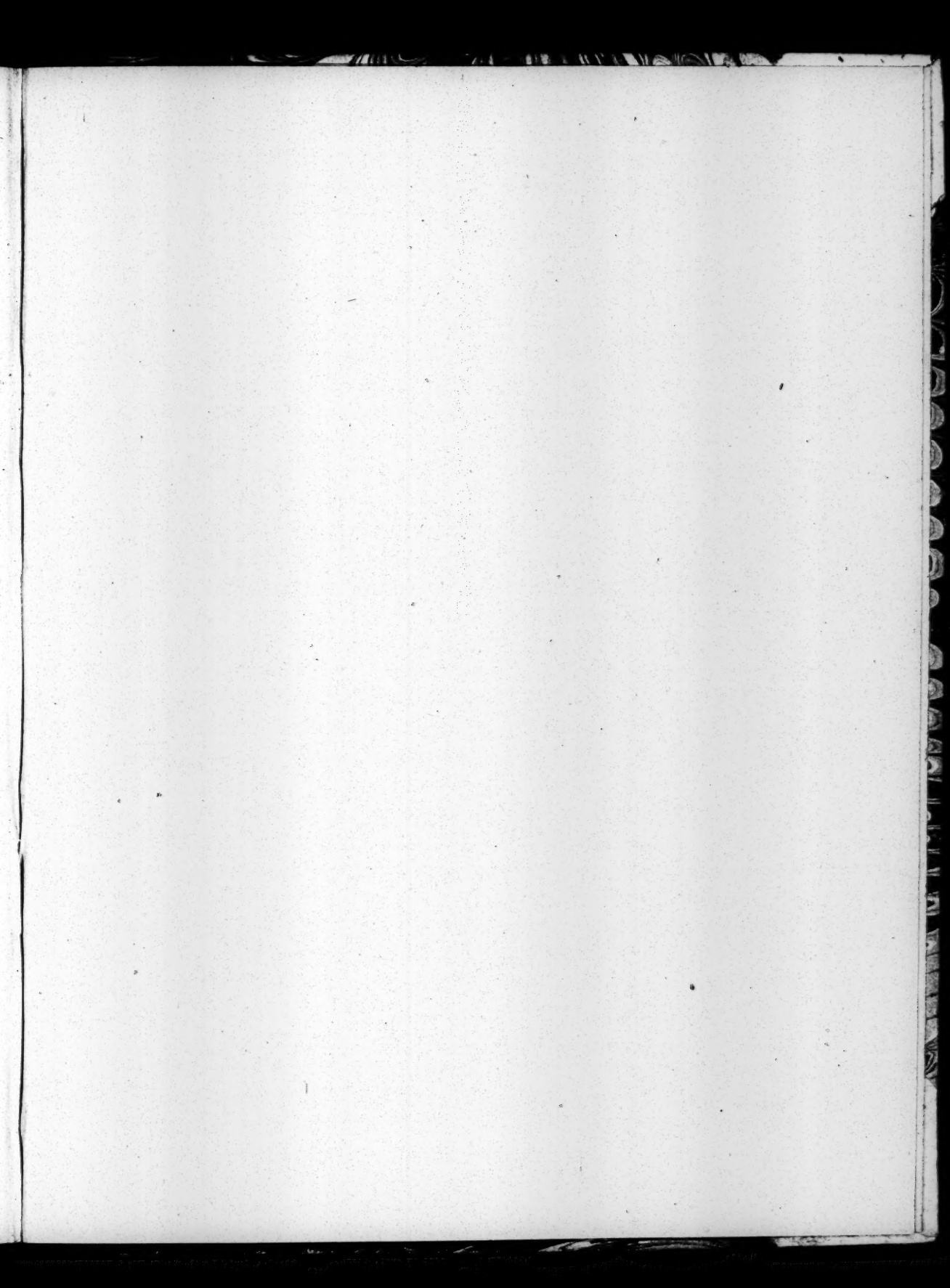












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